

**NOTICE OF REASONS FOR REJECTION****RECEIVED**

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**Cited Articles:** Article 29, Paragraph 2

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**This application should be rejected for the reason(s) laid forth below. If the applicant wishes to comment thereon, the applicant is invited to submit a response within 60 days from the mailing date of this notice.**

**REASON(S)**

The invention(s) according to the below-listed claim(s) of the present application could have been easily made prior to the filing date by a person with average knowledge in the field to which the invention(s) belongs based on the invention(s) disclosed in the below-listed publication(s) or inventions made available to the public through electric telecommunication lines, distributed in Japan or abroad prior to the filing date of this application, and it is therefore deemed to be unpatentable in compliance with the provisions of Japanese Patent Law, Article 29, Paragraph 2.

(See the List of Citations for the cited publications)

**EXAMINER'S COMMENTS**

<Claims> 1-16  
<Citations> 1-3  
<Notes>

The inventions disclosed in Citations 1 and 2 are in the same technical field, and they are also common in the function of simultaneously controlling the operation of the voice and actuation parts by sending voice signals and actuation signals. Therefore, no

particular difficulty can be found in suitably combining the inventions disclosed in Citations 1 and 2.

Furthermore, performing speech synthesis from text and synchronizing speech and the processes based on commands by extracting speech information and each kind of command from text are techniques which were widely known prior to the filing of the present application (refer to Citation 3, for example). The transmission of signals by means of an audio line of a sound board or an infrared transmission device and the like provided on the board is also nothing more than a technique which was widely known prior to the filing of the present application.

**No reasons for rejection are currently known for the claims which were not indicated in this Notice of Reason(s) for Rejection. The applicant will be notified of new reasons for rejection if such reasons for rejection are found.**

### **LIST OF CITATIONS**

1. Japanese Utility Model Application No. Sho 61-70672 (Unexamined Utility Model Application, First Publication No. Sho 62-183894)
2. Japanese Utility Model Application No. Sho 61-33262 (Unexamined Utility Model Application, First Publication No. Sho 62-145697)
3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application, First Publication No. 2000-20744

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### **RECORD OF PRIOR ART SEARCH**

Searched Technical Fields: IPC 7th Version B25J1/00-21/02

This record of the prior art search does not constitute the reasons for rejection. application should decide how the specification and drawings are amended.

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引用文献等一覧

1. 実願昭61-70672号(実開昭62-183894号)のマイクロフィルム
  2. 実願昭61-33262号(実開昭62-145697号)のマイクロフィルム
  3. 特開2000-20744号公報
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先行技術文献調査結果の記録

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